

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 51 (Cancelled)

52. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising at least one amino acid selected from the group consisting of valine, leucine, and isoleucine; ~~and~~ at least one antistress agent selected from metirapone, alphanhelical corticotropin releasing hormone, diazepam, allopregnanolone, dextromethorpon, zimelidine, and paroxetine; and a further antistress agent is selected from the group consisting of mifepristone, proglumide, and astressin pyridyl propanones, antiprogestins, benzoylamino dipropylamino oxopentanoies, benzodiazepines and corticotropin releasing factor (CRF) antagonists.

53 – 55 (Cancelled)

56. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 52 55 wherein said at least one the antistress agent is metirapone, and said further antisense agent is selected from ~~metirapone~~, mifepristone, proglumide and astressin.

57. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 56 wherein said at least one the antistress agent is metirapone.

58 – 60 (Cancelled)

61. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 52 wherein the composition comprises valine, leucine, and isoleucine.

62 – 63 (Cancelled)

64. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 52 which further comprises vitamin C.

65 – 70 (Cancelled)

71. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 52 which further comprises 70 ~~wherein the facilitator is~~ a pyrrolopyrimidine or N-methylpyrrolidone.

72. (Cancelled)

73. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 52 which further comprises 72 ~~wherein the performance enhancer is~~ an antibiotic or mannan oligosaccharide.

74. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 73 wherein the antibiotic is avilamycin.

75 – 76 (Cancelled)

77. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 52 which is encapsulated in a bolus boluse or a time release capsule.

78. (Cancelled)

79. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 52 which further comprises a nitric oxide promoter 78 ~~wherein the promoter is~~ selected from L-arginine diethylamine nitric oxide complex, sodium nitroprusside, and S-nitroso-N-acetylpenicillamine.

80. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 52 which further comprises a ~~at least one~~ pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable diluent, excipient, carrier or solubiliser ~~independently or in combination~~.

81 – 92 (Cancelled)

93. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 52, wherein the composition is in the form of an animal feedstuff.